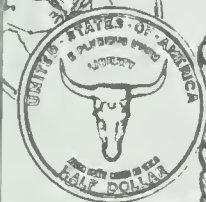


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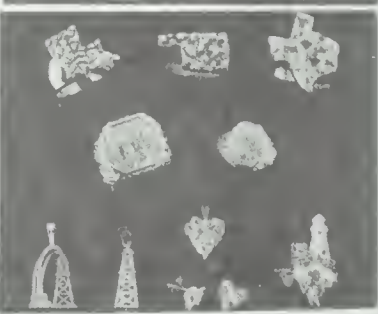
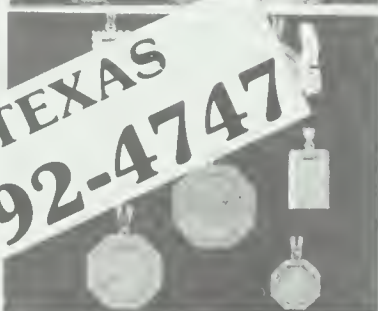
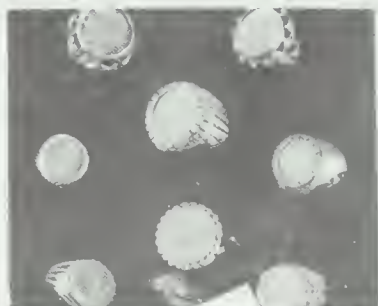


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One of the features to start off the new year with is an article on Egypt's first and only Piefort by Delmar G. Cooke of San Antonio. Watch for it in the TNA NEWS.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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512/452-2675



Fellow members — several of the points which are mentioned in this message, were covered in the November 1985 TNA NEWS, but they are of such importance that they bear repeating.

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First of all - your annual dues of \$10.00 for a regular member are due by January 1, 1986. By now you should have received your dues notice. Save the Association Secretary a lot of time by sending your dues payment now. Even if you have not yet received your dues notice, why not go ahead and pay your dues while you are thinking about it? It will take you only a few moments. If your secretary has to send you an additional notice it simply means that you cause your secretary additional time, and goodness knows, she has plenty to do without the additional burden of sending out large numbers of delinquent notices. Furthermore, it winds up costing your association more money for supplies and postage.

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TNA's most coveted award, the Lewis M. Reagan Award, is presented to the member deemed to have done the most for numismatics in Texas during the preceding year. Nominations for this award may be made by either a member or a club. The nomination must be in the hands of your president no later than January 1, 1986. Please look about you and make a nomination. Time is running short.

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Details regarding the Club Salute Award may be found on page 8 of your November 1985 issue of TNA NEWS. In the past we have had so

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## A WORLD WITH COINS

Bernard Loebe,  
Houston, Tx.

### VENEZUELAN TOKENS



A token can be defined, numismatically, as any piece of tin, leather, brass, lead, cardboard, etc., stamped or printed with a face value higher than its real value, used in small commercial transactions where currency and actual coins were scarce or non-existent.

One of the earliest uses in North America of substitute money was the wampum used by North American Indians. These were beads made from shells and woven into belts or decorative strips which had certain values for trading purposes. They were either white or black, with the black having a value twice that of the white.

Later, the colonist, although still using English, French, Spanish and other countries' coins, started minting their own "tokens," which nor-

mally were valid only in that colony, or nearby areas. The New England shilling, the famous Pine Tree shilling of 1652 and other tokens, circulated freely as valid coins.

After the Civil War, where tokens, encased postage stamps and even cardboard squares were used extensively due to the lack of small change of copper or silver, the tokens were also known as "company money" since they were issued by mining companies, lumber companies as well as ranches and other large companies. This system of "company money" served two purposes: First the company did not have to have large sums of legal tender on hand to meet payrolls, and second, it assured itself of "captive clients" at the company store, since the company could only be exchanged for food or goods obtained at the company store.

It is interesting to note that one of the first "protest" songs in America was the one popular in 1956 entitled "Sixteen Tons," with the bitter confession "I Owe My Soul to the Company Store."

The first reference of the use of tokens or "fichas," in Venezuela was in the early 1500s when Columbus arrived in South America with various types of coins from many countries. Some of these coins were

stamped with various marks or letters, to show acceptance in certain regions. These coins, or tokens, were known as "countermarked" coins and marked the beginning of a long period when true legal tender coins were almost non-existent.

In 1780, or thereabout, ranches, stores and large businesses, fabricated their own kinds of tokens due to the lack of confidence in the foreign type coins in circulation. This created another problem due to the fact that stores, etc. would not accept tokens not of their own making, nor would the government of that day, leaving the poor citizen with dozens of types of tokens, given in change and only valid at the emitting store or business.

In the early 1800s the situation became stable, as the acceptance of tokens from various sources grew. In fact, the Cabildo de la Ciudad de Valencia (which corresponds to our mayor and city council) specifically asked the larger stores, ranches and commercial houses, to continue with fabrication of tokens, due to the lack of official coinage.

Official coins, minted in Caracas, with the passage of a "Monetary Reform Act," started circulating in the larger cities. However, they were not accepted in the smaller towns and provinces due to the lack of confidence in anything undertaken by the new and shaky government.

Still the problem of having no small change continued. The public was accustomed to units of a real, divided into octavos, cuartillos and medios (1/8, 1/4, 1/2). Since some

merchants made tokens according to the newer system of centimos, divisible by 10, some transactions could not be done with exact change.

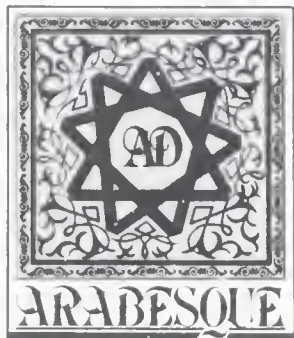
Some merchants and even the general public, started cutting out sections of a token to bring it in line with the actual amount needed. This custom was a carry-over from the Spanish controlled parts of Central and South America, where silver pesos were divided and cut up into slices, popularly known as "Pieces of Eight," since eight slices made up one whole peso. This custom was also known in America in the early 1800s when Mexican pesos were accepted as legal tender. Here the peso was divided into "bits." You all know the expression of 2 bits, six bits, etc. as it was used in the old west.

Since it has been established that the use of the token was necessary, and widespread, let us look at some of the types of tokens. Of course, some were made of common materials such as lead, tin, copper, etc. and also were brief in their inscriptions, such as "Good For One Passage," "Good For Ten Cents in Merchandise." However, many were ornately made and replete with the value, date, name of the establishment or ranch. They were fashioned from leather, wood, brass and even silver. The designs ranged from plain to intricate, depending on the value and the material being used.

Not only were these tokens given to their employees, but were also used in dealings with neighboring ranches, and stores where a confi-

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# THE OLDEST MINT ON THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT

Ray Aldrete,  
Houston, Texas

In 1521, a handful of adventurous Spaniards under the command of Don Hernando Cortes, conquered the Aztec Empire for Spain. Aztec civilization had no conception of money beyond its broadest definition. Cacao beans, the fruit of the Mexican cacaotal or coca-tree, constituted the principal form of Aztec money. The highest Aztec monetary unit was a sack of 24,000 Cacao beans, this being a form of money, it was inevitable that some would debase the beans by removing the nutritious content of the hull and replacing it with dirt to restore normal weight.

Other forms of money used by the Aztecs included small pieces of finely woven cotton cloth (Patolquechtl), this was slightly more valuable than Cacao beans.

The Aztecs had no coins by numismatic definition. They did, however, utilize a number of metallic currency valued and estimated by size, shape or weight. Montezuma used Golden "Quoits" to pay off his gambling debts, and Aztec eagles (Quauhtli), flattened gold shaped to the rough outline of an eagle with spread wings, that Montezuma gave to merchant-soldiers sent on politico-commercial missions, were also presumed to have served as money.

Trade and commerce increased in Nueva Espana (New Spain). The

necessity of a mint became urgent, even though the Spanish Cortes was making shipments from Spain of coined copper, silver and gold. The procedure, aside from being rather costly, was never in sufficiently large quantities to take care of the needs of the rapidly populating colony.

On April 5, 1528, a royal communication was sent to Nuno de Guzman, governor of Panuco, a province of New Spain, requesting that he supply the crown with information as to the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a mint in the city of Mexico.

Even though requests were made as early as 1528 to establish a mint in Mexico City, it wasn't until 1535 that Charles I (better known as Holy Roman Emperor Charles V), who ruled Spain in the name of his mother, Johanna the Mad, that actual authorization for a mint was given. The new mint was empowered to coin silver in 3, 2, 1 and ½ reales denominations.

The exact date that the Mexico City mint began issuing coins has not been found recorded in any document. If indeed it was, it is still hidden in the Archives at Seville. The engraving of the dies began about March 10, 1536 and coining began the following month. This assumption is based on the statement made

by Viceroy Mendoza in his lengthy communication of December 10, 1537, addressed to the King of Spain, which in part reads:

*"The two year assignment, which following your royal orders, I made of the Axi-quipilco Indians to serve in the mint and to pay tribute to the officers of the same establishment, will expire in four months; and as I have not yet received further instructions in this regard, I have decided to extend the assignment, making an agreement with the treasurer of the mint, whereby he obligates himself to return to the Indians the tribute assessed and paid by them if your Royal Highness does not approve my act."*

The Viceroy, having been treasurer of the Granada mint in old Spain, was familiar with mint affairs; therefore, the royal cedula of May 11, 1535, empowered him to appoint artisans for the Mexico City mint and to coin copper, leaving the design to him. (The Viceroy arrived in Mexico City October 15, 1535.)

It is easy to surmise that work on the mint began immediately after the appointments were made. The first coin struck by the first mint in the New World was issued during the 1516-1556 reign of Charles and Johanna. The striking of the CAROLUS ET JOHANNA coins was done by hand; it's believed to have

been in April of 1536.

The royal cedula of May 11, 1535 authorizing the establishment of a mint in the New World, ordered that all coins minted should carry the letter "M" as the symbol of the Mexico City mint. No accurate records were kept at the mint from 1536 to 1690; therefore, the exact amount coined every year cannot be given with any degree of accuracy.

For 300 years to a day, Spain ruled over this inconceivably wealthy province. Then, on September 16, 1810, Hidalgo, a parish priest, led an open rebellion, which ended after 11 years of bloody conflict, with the overthrow of the Spanish yoke. Thus, in 1821, New Spain ceased to exist, and Mexico took its place in the family of nations.

New Spain and Mexico coinage runs into billions, and their pieces of eight and pesos served as the standard medium of exchange in the United States, the Philippines, China and many European markets. The Continental currency of the U.S.A. was made payable in Spanish milled dollars. In fact, the Mexican peso and its subdivisions were legal tender in this country until February 21, 1857, when, by Act of Congress, all laws authorizing its circulation and acceptance were repealed

Mexico chronologically falls into seven periods:

1. Media of exchange used by the aborigines of the pre-conquest or pre-colonial epoch.
2. Colonial coinage - 1536 to 1821, of the Mexico City mint only.
3. Coinage of the War of Independence

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*The following article Six Flags Over Texas, second in a series by Bob Medlar, appeared in the January 1966 issue of TNA NEWS. The series is being reprinted as an appropriate addition to TNA's participation in the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. — Editor.*

# SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS



## Part II — Spain From 1519-1685, 1685-1821

R.E. (Bob) Medlar,  
San Antonio, Texas

Exploration of Texas was first begun by Spain during the age of Chivalry and Romance. Spain was at her zenith in power on land and sea. Her Catholic Majesty sent his cavaliers to explore and subdue the New World and the Holy Church sent its priests to convert the heathen Indians to the church. From the first discovery in 1492 by Columbus, the Spanish area of exploration remained Central and South America, while the competing powers of England and France claimed and controlled the areas of the north.

In the ever-widening search for gold and glory, the soldiers of Spain pushed north and skirted the Gulf Coast touching at several points in Texas. This was in 1528, only 36 years after Columbus' discovery, a few hundred miles to the south. The area remained largely unexplored

until the French under La Salle inadvertently landed at Matagorda Bay in Texas. This landing caused the Spanish Viceroy in far away Mexico City to send his own troops into the area, later known as Texas, to establish forts and religious centers and to drive away the French trespassers.

The very first entry into Texas was along the Rio Grande or Rio del Norte as it was also known. As early as 1582, missions were established at El Paso and Sante Fe. Spain sent her explorers, her soldiers and her missionaries together to explore, secure and convert the natives all in one operation.

Much trade was established through barter. The Indians were domesticated and more or less enslaved, so little trading was done except with more distant Indian

tribes. Coinage, as such, was not known. There are silver bars which are supposed to have been refined and stamped by certain missions in New Mexico and further west. No records, to my knowledge, exist to support the coinage claims for these silver bars and crosses.

The first expedition by Captain Alonzo de Leon into East Texas in 1686 was followed by others in 1690, 1691 and 1692. Missions were established at Presidio on the Rio Grande and later at San Antonio, then known as San Fernandes. The soldiers and missionaries were followed by laborers who brought cattle, seeds and implements. The domestication and settlement of the country began, not because of religious fervor, the prospect of gold or silver, but simply to ensure that the French did not claim Texas by default.

Coinage of the Spanish rulers was the most prolific and widely used of any era up until the 20th century and the U.S. dollar. The silver coins contained full measure of silver and were in plentiful supply.

The first type of coinage in the New World was the four Maravedis, a small copper coin which was first authorized in 1505 (a mere seven years after Columbus' first discovery). This coin was for Santa Domingo and preceded by 30 years the coinage of the second mint in the New World at Mexico City. The first coins minted at Mexico City were 4, 3, 2, 1 and ½ Real in silver and 4 and 2 Maravedis in copper, all issued under the reign of Charles and Johanna. The copper coins were soon

discontinued and were not reissued until 1814.

The first 8 Real was struck in 1542 although the earliest known are under Philip II. All are quite rare, but the smaller denominations seem easier found. Under Philip III, the first cob money was made. This "cabre de barro" was cut from silver bars by scissors and although probably much easier than earlier systems, resulted in many uneven sizes and shapes. This design continued until the reign of Charles II when a more advanced system of preparing blanks apparently was adopted as the 8 Real are now more uniform in size and are round.

In 1732 a new style of coin was adopted - the pillar design showing the shield and crown on the reverse and on the obverse the two pillars of Hercules and the two worlds under the crown. This is generally known as the pillar dollar or "Moneda Columnaria" and continued up until 1772 when the change showing the bust of the ruler was adopted. During this entire period the issue consisted of 8, 4, 2, 1 and ½ Real, all in silver. Gold was issued in far lesser quantities and was not the universal medium of trade that was silver.

The "Moneda de Bustos" coinage started in 1772 with Charles III and continued through the last of the Spanish rulers in 1822, when the Mexican Revolution successfully broke away from Spain and the then reigning king, Ferdinand VII.

The revolution also lowered the flag of Spain from over Texas. Dur-

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## from the 1st vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

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It is now official . . . the exhibit of Texana coins, medals, tokens and paper money and scrip which has been at the Museum of Natural Sciences will go the traveling exhibit route as part of the TNA contribution of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

Several years ago, in the mid-1970's Greater Houston Coin Club assisted the museum in the assembling of an exhibit dedicated to this subject. A core of coins from the holdings of the museum was augmented by GHCC members and the result was some 84 items which have been on display since that time. Through the effort of Al Loja and myself, this exhibit is now free to travel the length and breadth of Texas for the full year of 1986.

Though we are attaching no financial strings to the exhibit, I feel that those organizations which would like to have this exhibit, for a period of time could extend the cost of shipping to the museum. I understand

that the museum will carry the insurance which will cover the time which the exhibit will be in transit. At this point I am still not sure if the insurance will be extended to cover the time of the exhibit when in place. I believe the Money Show in late January will be the first location for the exhibit.

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For any questions concerning the Money Show for 1986, only Mike Levinson or Al Loja should be contacted. There is only one GHCC Money Show.

We are still in need of good exhibits for the Money Show. All who would like to exhibit should contact Chris Johns. It is my understanding that we still have lots of space for exhibits. The underlying statement is that we will need several judges for the exhibits. The usual nice awards will be given to the winning exhibits.

# **junior readin' roundup**

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## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Happy Holidays All! I hope Santa stuffs your stocking with a rare coin or two for your collection. I know MS-65 gold is on the top of my Christmas list this year.

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With the Texas Sesquicentennial coming up this is a good time to start thinking about an exhibit. Junior members could work with their coin club in presenting a Sesquicentennial program at a local library. Also, the TNA convention in Ft. Worth (May 23-25) will include a special junior exhibit category for the Sesquicentennial. Please let me know what activities, exhibits, or programs you are involved in.

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In the recommended reading section I would highly recommend **The Coin Collector's Survivor Manual** by Scott A. Travers as must

reading for YN's. This book contains a wealth of practical information, and is an education in rare coins in itself.

Also, highly recommended in the coin collecting category is the Type Set. An affordable, attractive set can be put together without much trouble. Even some of the older pieces such as the half cent and large cent can be purchased in F-12 for \$32.00 and VF-20 for \$14.00 respectively. Another affordable older piece is the Bust half dollar which can be purchased in F-12 for about \$34.00. As with any coin purchase you should strive for the best condition you can afford, and with the less expensive pieces you should purchase MS-60 and above when possible. The Type Set is an interesting and varied collection, and is within reach for YN's if you set a goal and stick with it. The reward will be a beautiful set of history. Good luck!



## from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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ing this period increasing friction arose between persons east of the Sabine River in the United States and the Mexican colonists and officials in Texas. This broke out into numerous fights, skirmishes and battles. But eventually it settled into an uneasy truce with the Spanish watching with increasing concern the gradual influx of Americans into East Texas. This was the situation at the time of the Mexican Revolution.

The use of coinage in Texas during the rule of the Spanish emperors consisted, in all probability, mostly coinage of Mexico for two reasons. First, Spanish coins of silver were the most generally acceptable of all coins of any country throughout the world. Even in the U.S., coins of Spain were the standard of measure at least equal to our own. So, with the American settlers, came the silver of Charles III and Ferdinand VII. Second, Mexico, to support her missions and her troops in Texas,

sent the semi-annual payroll in freshly minted silver coins up through El Paso, Monclova or Presidio to San Antonio, San Felipe, etc. Little coinage circulated at any time. It was only on orders hack through the merchants in New Orleans or Memphis, or to Mexico that coins of gold or silver were used.

The coinage quickly wound up in the chests of local merchants who sent it to the cities in settlement of their accounts. So the lonely farmer or settler actually saw precious little money from year to year. Only in the relatively more civilized towns and missions did coins see any circulation at all. Under Spain the raw country of Texas had as yet little need for these tokens of civilization.

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### FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1-2

**INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB**, annual coin show, Rodeway Inn, El Paso. **BOURSE:** A. Aranda P. Montes, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

### MARCH 22-23

**WACO COIN CLUB**, annual show, Waco Convention Center. **WRITE:** Club, Box 8014, Waco 76714-8014.

### APRIL 12-13

**GATEWAY COIN CLUB**, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 21087, San Antonio 78221-0089. 512/271-3429.

### APRIL 19-20

**CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB**, Collector's Show, La Quinta Motor Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

### MAY 9-11

**OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN.** annual convention. Details later.

### MAY 23-25

**TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN.** convention, celebrating Texas Sesquicentennial, Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth. **BOURSE:** R.E. Slocum, 6732 Fortune Rd., Fort Worth 76116. 817/737-5915.

### MAY 31-JUNE 1

**CAPITOL CITY COIN CLUB**, 14th annual coin show, Quality Inn South, Austin. **CONTACT:** Club, Box 33159, Austin 78764.

### MAY 31-JUNE 1

**VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB**, Annual Show. Details later.

### AUG. 30-31, SEPT. 1

**DALLAS COIN CLUB**, annual show. Details later.

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# SOUNDING OFF!

Morris L. Johnson,  
TNA District 1 Governor  
Stephenville, Texas

It's time we all looked at the calendar, only to discover that another year is gone. Ask yourself - "What have I done?"

No matter how we answer this, most of us could have done a little more with a little effort.

Being the end of the year, there is time to do a few things before it's too late. First, let's get our TNA NEWS out and read the rules for "The Club Salute" award. Then consolidate the things your club has done and let's try for a trophy in the Club Salute program.

Second, it's never too late to bring another friend into the TNA. By doing this, you have helped your club in trying for the Col. Darrah trophy. if you get the clubs non-TNA

members to sign up now, they should be TNA members in good standing by March 7 as this is the deadline for the Col. Darrah award.

Also, let's look forward to next year. Did you know that if you sign up 12 new TNA members in the next year, your membership in the TNA will be free the following year?

Now, when you have your quota of 12 new members, don't stop there. The TNA VIP award goes to the person that signs the most members into the TNA during the year.

Let's all look forward into next year and see how many of these things happen. They are there, so come on, let's try a little harder during our Texas birthday of 150 years in 1986.

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dence, 1810-1821.

4. The first Mexican empire, 1822-1823.
5. The Republic, 1823 to date.
6. Maximilian that of the second Mexican empire, 1864-1867.
7. The Civil War, 1913-1917, when considerable amounts of metallic currency were struck by the revolutionists, in addition to their large issue of paper money.

The Mexico City Mint, now in 1985, consists of three establish-

ments:

1. The Apartudo Mint, dating from 1848.
2. The Legoria Mint, dating from 1970.
3. The San Luis Potosi Mint, dating from 1983.

The Mexico City Mint today, operating only one shift, can produce 1,300,000,000 coins per year, amply providing for domestic monetary needs, as well as production for foreign countries, including Nicaragua, El Salvador and Santo Domingo; no doubt others will follow.

few entries for this award, your club has an excellent chance of receiving one of the awards if only you will submit an entry. District governors and club officers need to get behind this. I think the winning clubs would be mighty proud to win one of these awards.

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Don't forget the Col. Raymond Darrah Award. Details may be found in previous issues of the **TNA NEWS**, or by contacting your **TNA NEWS** editor, or your president.

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I want to wish the entire TNA Membership the best Christmas season ever, and a most prosperous NEW YEAR. I am hoping that you and your loved ones will be able to share this joyous season together.

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## CHEAP FARE

When stagecoaches began operating between Boerne and San Antonio on January 26, 1880, the fare was \$2.50.

The one-way trip, now about a half hour's drive on Interstate 10, took seven hours!

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In the restaurants of Richmond, Va., you can't legally flip a coin for the check.

## KING'S LUCK

King Louis XVI of France fled in 1792 from the bloodthirsty revolutionary mobs. He stopped at Vincennes to eat and offered a gold coin in payment with his own likeness on it. The innkeeper recognized the king and he was dragged back to Paris where Louis and his family were guillotined in 1793.

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Money authorities say \$6 million worth of pennies get lost every year.

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dence had been built up over the years. After all, a rancher didn't disappear overnight with several thousand head of cattle.

As progress arrived in the far reaches of the country, the legal tender coins gradually replaced the tokens, and an era filled with mistrust, native ingenuity and final acceptance, came to an end.

I have had to condense the knowledge gained by fact, figure and intense investigation, into this brief overall description of Venezuelan tokens.

In ending this discourse, I point out a type of token with a picture of a dove poised for flight. This bird is known as a "Paloma," and thus gave the commonday name to most of the tokens in rural Venezuela. Tokens were known as "Palomas," because they flew away or left your hand easily.



# TEXAS

## District Meetings

### DISTRICT I —

The **Dalworth Coin & Stamp Club** recently honored **Eddie Boone** of **Boone Stamp Shop** in **Dallas** for 25 years service to the club. He is a charter member.

**Boone** has served in many capacities and has held the treasurer's office for the past 10 years. He is active in other clubs including the **Lions Club**.

Club members and families honored **Boone** at a dinner party at **Steak & Ale** in **Arlington** and was given an engraved desk set in appreciation for his services. — **Frances Luke, Reporter.**

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### DISTRICT IV —

The 1986 coin show sponsored by **Waco Coin Club, Inc.** is set for **March 22-23** in the **Texas Room** of the **Waco Convention Center**. For more information contact **Aubrey**



**Morris Johnson**  
Governor



**Dr. Robert Greenwood**  
Governor

**Carpenter, Box 8014, Waco 76714-8014, 817 776-0068.**

Members are seeking a different meeting location due to a conflict of another organization meeting at **T.P. & L. Center**. Plans were discussed for the annual **Christmas party** in **December**.

**Robert Schuetze** conducted a panel on coin investment, posing the question "What coins would you invest in?" — **J.P. Jones, Reporter.**

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### DISTRICT V —

**Numismatic International of Dallas** held a general meeting and educational program during the **New York International Numismatic Convention** at the **Sheraton Centre Hotel** in **New York City** on **November 30**.

The program, with **William F. Spengler** in charge, featured a round-table discussion on techniques of cleaning ancient and foreign coins. A panel of numismatists experienced in cleaning various types of coins initiated the proceedings followed by a general discussion.

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**Paul Garner**  
Governor

Plans were made by members of Garland Coin Club to host the annual Christmas dinner on December 11 at Wyatt's Cafeteria and announced that the regular meeting on December 10 would not be held.

Another item of business under discussion was the annual coin show which will be held June 7-8 at the Holiday Inn in Garland. Allen Mizdail won the door prize.

A program on Morgan Dollars was given by Norman Morgan. The coins were minted from 1878 to 1904 and also in 1921 of 90% silver and 10% copper. - **Timothy N. Lee, Sec.**

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C.C. Andrews received a round of applause from members of Dallas Coin Club members for his services as coin show chairman. Andrews has been very active in club activities for a number of years. Ron Blaha will serve as show chairman in 1986.

John Rowe was scheduled to talk on the Amon Carter collection at the December social event. Paul Garner gave a program on chopmarked coins. He stated that a chopmark on a coin was a seal or guarantee that its weight and fineness were correct. Garner also won the door prize. - **Ron Blaha, Sec.**

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## **DISTRICT VI -**

A tentative date for the annual Christmas party hosted by members of **Bellaire Coin Club** was December 16 and further plans were to be discussed at the November 4 meeting. Also a new drawing was initiated. Each successful bidder in the auction would be given a numbered ticket and after the auction one would be drawn. The lucky winner would receive a numismatic prize. - **Club Bulletin.**

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Mike Levinson, **Greater Houston Coin Club's** 29th Money Show chairman, announced the appointment of Chris Johns as exhibit chairman. The show is set for January 24-26 at Adam's Mark Hotel. Chris has many years experience, both as exhibitor and judge at local shows.

A special exhibit category honoring the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial will be a special feature at the show and an appropriate award will be given.

Exhibit applications have been mailed to past exhibitors and others wishing to place exhibits in competition are urged to write Chris Johns, Box 90156, Houston 77290.

The club recently celebrated its 30th year with a birthday cake and visitors at one of the meetings were



**Chris Johns  
Governor**

Bill Pecelunas, **Pasadena Coin Club** treasurer, and Malcolm Yandell. - **Club Bulletin**.

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Chris Johns, **Pasadena Coin Club** secretary, was the first winner of the newly-instituted bidders-winners door prize drawings. Those holding tickets were the lucky winning bidders in the auction. Chris won an uncirculated Bermuda crown.

Larry Vann reported on the formation of a new club in Lake Jackson. Fourteen people were present for the first meeting. Russ Clickner visited and spoke to the group. Chris Johns will be the speaker on November 12.

Jerry Steifle is a new member of the Pasadena club. - **Club Bulletin**.

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#### DISTRICT VII —

A total of \$471.80 was realized from the auction held by **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio in October benefiting the 1987 TNA convention fund. (The auction brought \$466.80



Frank Galindo  
Governor

plus a \$5.00 donation.) Gateway will host the convention March 27-29, 1987 in the Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Freeman Craig presented a program on early English shillings,

specifically those issued during the Tudor reign, at the October 17 meeting. Planned for November meetings were programs on numismatic books and supplies by Earl "Doc" Grover and Mike Greenspan with another series of "fascinating" ex- numia. - **Club Bulletin**.

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#### DISTRICT VIII —

Happenings at recent meetings of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** included completion of plans on the November coin show, a program on Texas currency by Bob Evans and a program on bullion investment by Gene Schade.



Joe B. Davis  
Governor

News from the **Victoria Numismatic Club** was that members meet the second Thursday at First Victoria National Bank. Dates for the 1986 coin show have been set for May 31-June 1 and in 1987, May 16-17.

The Victoria club will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1986 and is planning something special to mark the occasion. A bronze and silver medal set on historical sites in Victoria is also being issued. - **Club Bulletin**.

**DUES ARE DUE!**

## DISTRICT IX —

The annual Christmas party was planned for December by members of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock when 23 members gathered for the October meeting in Precinct 5 Club House. A nominating committee was appointed to select 1986 officers.

Also under discussion was the 1986 coin show for which a general chairman will be appointed at the next meeting. Jim Hall conducted the auction and a report was made on the TNA board meeting held in Austin. - **E.L. Pitzer, Dist. 9 Gov.**



**E. L. Pitzer**  
Governor

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E.L. Pitzer conducted the business session for **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield in the absence of the president. Members were extended an invitation to attend the **Levelland Coin Club** Christmas party at the Spot Restaurant.

Pitzer won the door prize followed by refreshments. The club meets in the Reddy Room. - **E.L. Pitzer, Dist. 9 Gov.**

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Q. Exactly how much gold was actually found in King Tut's tomb?

A 2,448 pounds of it.

## DISTRICT X —

Members of **International Coin Club** of El Paso voted to join the TNA as a club life member and it was approved at the September 29 TNA board meeting in Austin.

The club also approved the presentation of the name of the late **Lyman W. Hoffecker** as the El Paso and Texas nominee for the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame.

Plans are in progress for the 23rd annual coin show on February 28-March 1, 2 at the Rodeway Inn, I-10 & Geronimo. Write for more information to A. Aranda or P. Montes, show co-chairmen, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

Jim Thomas recently presented a program on **Broken Bank Notes**, **Government of Texas** and **Republic of Texas Notes**, and **Confederate Notes** at one of the regular meetings. Jim showed examples of notes and gave much information and anecdotes regarding their history and issuance.

At another meeting, Dr. Saul Gonzalez presented a program on **Silver Dollar Grading**. Dr. Gonzalez created a chart to determine the proof-life characteristics of silver dollars. He has been collecting dollars for many years and has concentrated



**Walt Woelper**  
Governor

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on all aspects of dollar grading. -  
Walt Woelper, Dist. 10 Gov.

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#### DISTRICT XI —

A slide presentation on U.S. Currency 1861-1923 from the ANA was given by Jim Jordan at the October meeting of **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo. The program centered on the large \$5.00 notes. The Coin Market report was given by R.L. (Tommy) Tompkins.

Educational certificates were presented Jordan and Tom Zorn and Adi Cluck and Nela Runkle were the recipients of proof sets for having sold the most advance tickets on the coin show prize.

On December 16, the Christmas party will be held at the Cattle Call, Westgate Mall, and the annual charity auction will take place at the regular December meeting.

Door prize winners were R.C. Tipton, junior, Ann Wilson, Tompkins, Zorn, Darrell Tipton and J.R. Lopez.  
- Nela Runkle, Dist. 11 Gov.



Nela Runkle  
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IS YOUR CLUB PLANNING  
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#### DISTRICT XV —

**Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** is making plans for an upcoming coin show and details were to be forthcoming. The show will be held at the Port Arthur Civic Center.



Dewey L. Scott  
Governor

Jim Eldridge gave the program and door prizes were plentiful. Bill Stein conducted the business meeting. - **Club Bulletin.**

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As in the past, members of **Beau-mont Coin Club** planned a large auction in November and invited members of the Port Arthur and Orange clubs to attend. Sid King, club president, appointed a committee to organize the auction, made up of Bill Stein, chairman, assisted by Ed White, Jim Eldridge, Jack Provost, Dale Richey and Art Larkin, alternates.

Also appointed was a nominating committee composed of Jerry Williams, chairman, George Fortune and Jack Provost.

Williams presented a program on Grading Coins. He told the club that until almost 40 years ago, coins were graded only as "new" and "old." In 1947, the Red Book was published and began a more complex grading system with "good" "very good," etc. In 1958, Brown & Dunn published a line grading book. In 1970, James Ruddy introduced a new ap-

proach to grading called "Photograde." ANA, in 1977, issued their book on grading, which was revised in 1980.

Door prize winners were Jim Jeffery and Dewey Scott. - **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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Ed White presided at the meeting

of **Greater Orange Coin Club** when plans were formulated for the annual Christmas party. Location and date will be announced at the next meeting.

The remaining meeting time was spent in a general discussion with Sid King on probation of wills, etc. Ten members attended. - **Becky Scott, Sec.**

## TNA URGES CLUB SALUTE ENTRIES

Nearly every club in Texas wants the world to hear about its regular meetings, special events and accomplishments.

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Please include the following in all entries:

1. Name of club and how many members in good standing.
2. When and where club meetings are held.
3. Types of programs usually

held. Describe any special program held during the year and name any special guests.

4. Are numismatic exhibits a part of club meetings? Give details on any exhibit for special events or civic functions.

5. Describe any charitable activities and/or donations to local civic projects.

6. Describe how club meetings and coin shows, if any, are publicized.

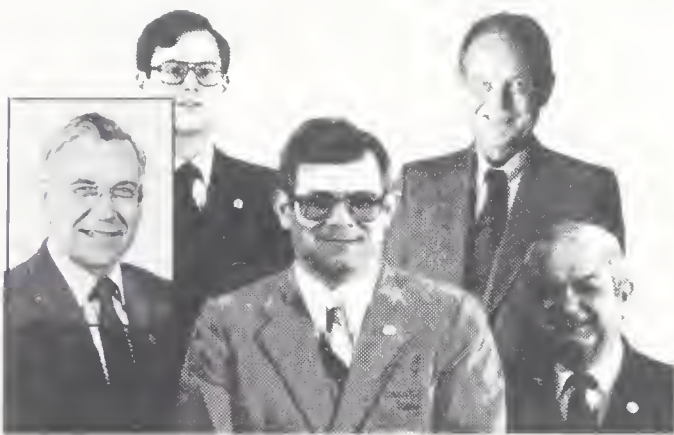
7. Have any special honors been bestowed on any member or the club?

8. Describe any efforts the club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club. Include the club's effort to increase membership in the club and TNA.

9. In what way does your club encourage junior membership, not only in club activities, but also in TNA.

10. List **ALL** plans the club has initiated in celebrating the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial

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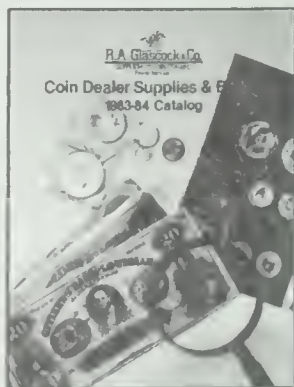


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